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SD National Guard's 196th Regiment changes command

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – Col. Joseph Eining, of Dell Rapids, took command of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute) during a change of command ceremony in Sioux Falls, Oct. 15.

Eining assumed command from Col. Scott Petrik, a Rapid City native, who served as the commander over the last two years.

As commander, Eining is responsible for the command and control of the 196th Regiment and its two subordinate battalions – 1st Battalion at Fort Meade and 2nd Battalion in Sioux Falls – which provide instruction on a variety of military courses.

Eining, who works as a counselor in the Minnehaha County Juvenile Detention Center, has served in the Army National Guard for over 32 years.

"I'm very much looking forward to commanding the 196th Regiment, where I can assist in supporting one of our adjutant general's top priorities, which is readiness of the force," said Eining. "Joining the South Dakota Army National Guard is one of the best decisions I've ever made and I'm thankful for the opportunities I've been afforded as a member of this professional organization."

Since September 2015, Petrik has been responsible for the training of more than 1,800 Soldiers from across the nation and Denmark in officer candidate school, warrant officer candidate school, field artillery, transportation and other functional courses.

Petrik and his staff achieved Training and Doctrine Command's "Institute of Excellence" rating with an unprecedented 100 percent score during their accreditation, which happens every three years.

"I've worked with both of these accomplished officers at multiple times throughout my career and attest that they are among the best the South Dakota Army National Guard has," said Brig. Gen. Kevin Griesse, assistant adjutant general.

"Col. Petrik, your performance as commander of the 196th Regiment was outstanding and the success of the courses and accreditation is a reflection of the dedicated service demonstrated by you and your staff, Griesse continued.

"Col. Eining, I have no doubt that you will continue the tradition of excellence at the 196th Regiment. I challenge you to provide the vision, guidance and mentorship that will make the organization even better," Griesse concluded.



171015-Z-ZZ999-0094: U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Kevin Griese, left, South Dakota Army National Guard assistant adjutant general, passes the 196th Regiment colors to incoming commander, Col. Joseph Eining, during the change of command ceremony in Sioux Falls, S.D., Oct. 15, 2017. Eining, of Dell Rapids, S.D., assumes command from Col. Scott Petrik, of Rapid City, S.D., who served as the commander over the last two years. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Carrie Henrickson)



171015-Z-ZZ999-0091: U.S. Army Col. Scott T. Petrik, right, outgoing 196th Regiment commander, passes the regimental colors to Brig. Gen. Kevin Griese, assistant adjutant general South Dakota Army National Guard, during a change of command ceremony in Sioux Falls, S.D., Oct. 15, 2017. Petrik commanded the 196th since Sept. 2015 and was responsible for the training of more than 1,800 Soldiers from across the nation and Denmark. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Carrie Henrickson)

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